Remarks

In the present application, claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1 to 9 remain pending. Amendments to the Specification have been submitted. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of these amendments and the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the Specification for informalities. Amendments to the Specification to address these informalities have been submitted. Entry of these amendments and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 for informalities. The claims have been amended to address these informalities. Withdrawal of the objections to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 9 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns and Applicants submit that the rejections for indefiniteness have been overcome and that claim 9 is in condition for immediate allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1 to 8.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment and Response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative Alan Stewart at 612.371.5376.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C. P.O. Box 2903 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903 (612) 332-5300

Alan R. Stewart Reg. No. 47,974 ARS:mstanger

23552
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE